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HIGHWAY 183 SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN TUESDAY

SALINAS – Construction is underway this week to improve curbs, gutters and sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. In addition, two median pedestrian islands located on the north and southwest corners of the intersection of Highway 183 and Salinas Street will be rebuilt, Caltrans officials have announced.

The slow (#2) lane will be closed Mondays through Fridays from 6 am to 4 pm during construction. The work will start at Davis Road and proceed eastbound.

This work is part of a \$7.1 million project to replace several inches of roadway pavement at the intersection of US 101 and Highway 183, and from just south of Monterey Street to just north of Market Circle. Pavex Construction of San Jose is the contractor for the project.

“This safety project will improve both the highway pavement and sidewalk accessibility,” said Caltrans District Director Rich Krumholz.

Other major improvements for the project include repaving 72 commercial and residential concrete driveways and upgrading drainage facilities, guardrails and traffic signals in the project limits. Two traffic cameras, at the Hwy. 101 junction and the Main/Market intersection, will also be installed.

Project is scheduled for completion in fall 2007, and landscaping in winter 2008/08, weather permitting. Most work will occur during normal daytime hours with occasional nighttime work.

For lane closure information on this project, or traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, please call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or visit our web site at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upmon.htm

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